



Engineering Services Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: March 31, 2026

GDOT Request-Option of Temporary Easements

GDOT Project PI# 0013927 SR4/US25 @ Savannah River Bridge

File Reference: 26 – 014(A)

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| Department: | Engineering & Environmental Services |
| Presenter: | Dr. Hameed Malik, Director |
| Caption: | Approve Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) option of 0.076 acres Temporary Easements request from the Augusta, GA owned parcel/Augusta Levee for Bridge on SR 4 (US 25 BU) over Savannah River Project (PI#0013927). Temporary Easements boundaries depicted at attached GDOT Preliminary Right of Way Map dated 04/25/24 sheets 60-0003, 60-0004, and 60-0009, and described at sheet 60-0013. /AE |
| Background: | The Bridge on SR 4 (US 25 BU) over Savannah River was built in 1939 and widened in 1991. This bridge was designed using a H-20 vehicle, which is below current design standards. A structural analysis of this bridge shows a lower than expected load carrying capacity. The overall condition of this bridge would be classified as fair. Due to the age of the structure, the structural capacity being below current standards, replacement of this bridge is recommended. Trail & pedestrian connectivity, and aesthetic items were requested to be included in this project by local stakeholders, Augusta, Georgia, and North Augusta City, during targeted stakeholder engagement. Based on the local stakeholder's request, the design team has included a provision of connectivity between existing trails within the project. It is a GDOT managed project. Current construction let date is 12/15/2027 and construction estimated cost is \$68.4 million. |
| Analysis: | Requested temporary easements are essential for completion of this project. Granting temporary easements are needed for the bridge and its multi model use enhancement. Completion of the project will greatly improve traffic safety, walkability and connectivity of recreational features on both sides of the Savannah River. Granted Temporary easements end with completion and acceptance of the project. |
| Financial Impact: | None anticipated |
| Alternatives: | Not proposed |
| Recommendation: | Approve Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) option of 0.076 acres Temporary Easements request from the Augusta, GA owned |

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**Funds are available in
the following accounts:**

**REVIEWED AND
APPROVED BY:**

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